

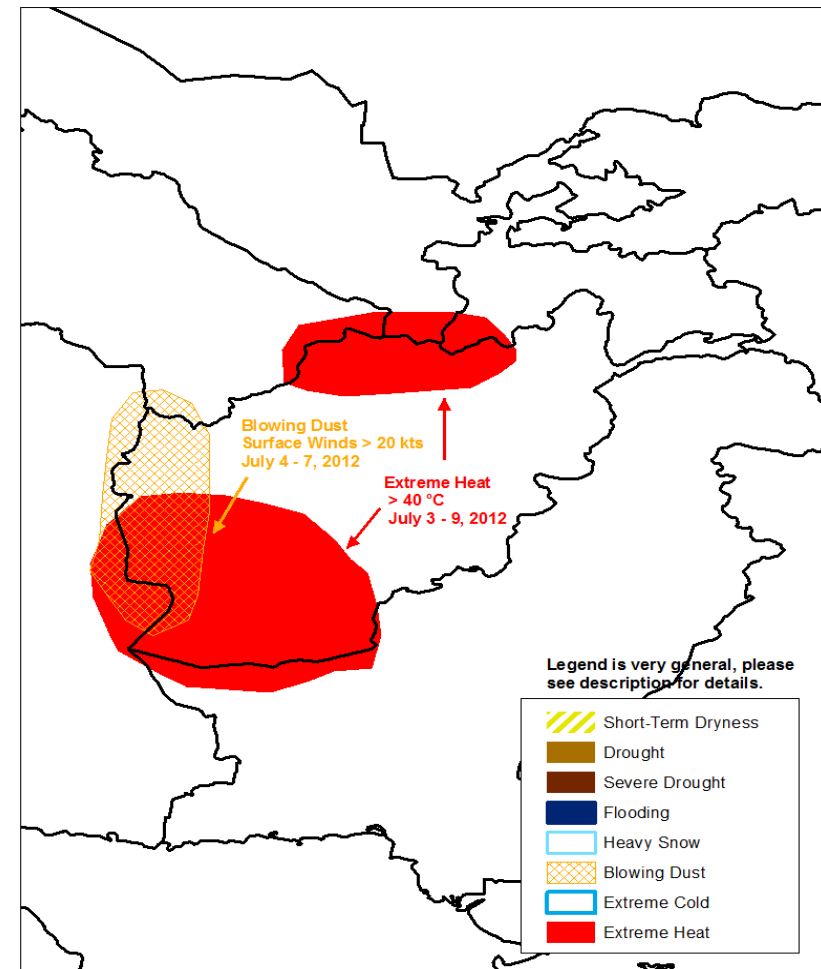
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 4 – July 10, 2012

Temperatures:

Since the beginning of June, average to slightly below-average temperatures were observed throughout many parts of the country. The highest temperature anomalies (2-4 degrees C) were felt further north along the border with Turkmenistan. However, increasing temperatures have been observed in late June with higher than average temperatures are forecast in the next seven days, as portions of both northern and southwestern Afghanistan are expected to exceed 40 degrees C during early July.

Precipitation

Following unusually wet conditions and seasonal snow melt in Afghanistan during this past spring, the return of drier weather helped alleviate many flood concerns during the last month. During the last week in June, scattered showered and light amounts of rainfall were received in the northern and northeastern parts of the country. Little to no rainfall is expected in Afghanistan during early July, with the highest precipitation accumulations forecast further off to the east. Rainfall associated with the Indian monsoon typically does not affect far eastern Afghanistan until late July. In addition to dry conditions, higher than average winds in western and southern Afghanistan is expected to heighten the risk for blowing dust during the upcoming outlook period.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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